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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, II & 12, Clement's
Street, Lombard Street, E.C.; GEORGE
SIMPSON & CO., 32, Cornhill; GORDON
& GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; BATES
HINDY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C.;
SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154,
Leadenhall Street; W. M. WILLIS, 151,
Cannon Street; P. C. ROBERT WATSON,
150, Fleet Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—ADEME PRINCE,
36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HARRIS, THE
CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 62, West
22d Street.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—BRAIN & BLACK, See FRAN-
CISCO.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Mc-
LAREN & SONS, and SYDNEY.
CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE
ANTHONY CO., Colombo.
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVILE &
CO., Square, Singapore; C. HAINES
& CO., Manila.
CHINA.—MACAO, A. A. DA CRUZ, AMOY,
N. MOALE & CO., LIMITED, Foochow;
HEUNG & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO., and KELLY & WALSH,
Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on ap-
plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at
3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on
FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per
annum. For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, August 1, 1892. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA
LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£ 21,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£ 500,000.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. GILLIES, Esq. CHOW TUNG SHANG,
CHAN KIN SHAN, Esq. ERIC,
C. J. HURST, Esq. W. WOOTTON, Esq.
KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAXAAR,

Advisory Committee in London.

THOMAS CAEMICHTEL, Esq., Messrs Dent,
Palmer & Co.,
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq., Messrs John Buttery
& Co.,
C. B. STUART WORTLEY, Esq., M.P. for
Hull.

GEORGE MUNNO, Manager.

BANKERS.

THE ALLIANCE BANK, LIMITED.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.

Shanghai—C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

AMOY—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

Current Accounts opened. Money re-
ceived on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made
on securities or goods in neutral godowns.
Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.

do. do. 4%.

do. do. 3%.

Current Accounts 2%.

For rates of Interest for other periods
apply to the MANAGER.

Hongkong, May 18, 1892. 22

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUNDS.....\$ 6,000,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$10,000,000.

PROMPTORS.....

COURT OF DIRECTORS—

T. E. DAVIS, Esq.—Chairman.

H. HOPKINS, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

James J. Bell Irving, Alex. Macdonald,

Esq., Esq.

C. J. Holiday, Esq. J. S. Moses, Esq.

Carl Jantzen, Esq. D. R. SASSON, Esq.

Julius Kramer, Esq.

Chief Manager:

Hongkong F. de Bovis, Esq.

Shanghai—P. W. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2
per cent. per annum on the daily balance
up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 6 months 3½ per cent. per annum.

“ 12 “ 4 “ “ up to

\$200,000.

“ 12 “ 4 “ “ in sums
in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG—INTEREST CHARGED.

6% on LOANS against Shares with full
godown.

7% on Current Account Overdrafts.

7% on Advances against Goods in private
godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1892. 1511



CALBECK MACGREGOR &
CO.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
13, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1512

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, Mexican Dol-
lars, current in this Colony, and weighing
7.1.7, in Exchange for STELLING
BILLS, drawn at 10 days after sight, by
Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's
TREASURY, LONDON, will be RECEIVED
by the ORDER PAYMASTER, Army Pay
Department, until 11 a.m. TO-MORROW.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount
required (in Pounds Sterling), and the
Amount for which each Bill should be
drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums
less than £100.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, and in
Sealed Covers, addressed to the Chief Pay-
master, Army Pay Department, and endorsed
“Tenders for Government Bills.”

The right to accept or reject any of all
the Tenders is reserved.

J. TRENCH TURNER, Major,
For Chief Paymaster, China.

HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY OFFICE,
Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 1st August, 1892. 1523

THE SINGAPORE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS for the Post of SECRE-
TARY, which will be vacant towards
the end of the year, are invited. A thorough
knowledge of FIRE and MARINE
BUSINESS necessary.

Singapore, July 14, 1892. 1522

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

In the Matter of THE YANGTSE
INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LIMITED, and REDUCED,
AND
In the Matter of the Companies' Ordinance
1877 and 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition
for Confirming Resolutions for Re-
DUCING the CAPITAL of the above Com-
pany by PAYMENT to the SHAREHOLDERS
of 300,000 of each Share of \$100 on the
face value of the same might be recalled was
presented to the 30th May last presented to the
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE of Hongkong and is now pending, and that the List of Creditors of
the Company is to be made out for the
1st day of October, 1892.

Dated the 13th day of July, 1892.

WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Association.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
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In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA
ANNA ROZA DO ROZARIO, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hong-
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THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 920.—AUGUST 1, 1892.]

To Let.	Mails.	Mails.	Intimations.	To-day's Advertisements.	MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW	LOCAL AND GENERAL		
TO LET. No. 16, KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.—End House. Appt. to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST- MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, July 10, 1892. 1216	 STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLE, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON; ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA. N.B.— <i>Opus can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON,</i> SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.	NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION). Phra Nang Saturday August 6. Victoria Saturday August 10. A. STRAKER Saturday September 3.	THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY. The MIKE COAL is a bituminous Coal of dark reddish colour. For Steam purposes, it has been pronounced to be the BEST AND THE MOST ECONOMICAL OF ALL THE JAPANESE COALS. Its export is increasing yearly, and the opinions expressed by several of the largest regular consumers are in testi- mony of the excellent qualities of this Coal. ATTENTION is called to the following ADVANTAGES to Shipowners and Captains, who Coal their Bunkers direct from the Under-signed:— Uniformity of Coal. Freedom from impurities. Supply in any quantity on shortest notice. Quick despatch. Best of weight, etc., etc.	HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS: THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 23rd August, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiv- ing the Report of the Directors, and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1892. The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSSED from the 8th to 22nd of August, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.	Noon.—Berthage leaves for Shanghai. Tenders Close. 11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills received by the Chief Paymaster.	PASSED SUZU CANAL. OUTWARD BOUND: — <i>Badnorshire, Windsor, Adanmbar, Aden, Terceira, July 8; Buenaventura, Chingao, Fregga, Oldenburg, 12; Palanzo, Bonduou, Stratford, 15; Vinegar, Yangtsze, Haizhou, 19; Tihuo, 21; Katsuo, Elektra, Glenoge, Pale- nurus, Amoy, 26.</i>		
TO LET. No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS. FIRST FLOOR, No. 1, BLUE BUILDINGS OFFICES—2ND FLOOR, Praya Central (totally occupied by Messrs. MELVINE & CO.). GODOWN (under Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.'s Offices). GODOWN, No. 14, BLUE BUILDINGS, SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES, AT MAGAZINE GAP. No. 2 and 2A, STANFORD STREET (corner of the Old Bailey). No. 10, OLD BUREAU. No. 1, WILSHIRE STREET (Newly Built HOUSES at lower end of GLENLEY). LAKESIDE, RICHMOND ROAD, Fur- nished or Unfurnished. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST- MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, July 19, 1892. 1254	TO LET. TUSCULUM, MAGAZINE GAP. No. 2, 4 and 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (now in the occupation of Mr. AU ATTACK). No. 4, PEDDER'S HILL. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO. Hongkong, July 4, 1892. 325	THE PANINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM- NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamer MALWA, Captain C. F. PRESTON, R.N., with His Majesty's Men, will be chartered from this port to BOMBAY, THURSDAY, 4th August, at Noon, (connecting with the SUTHER, at BOMBAY, which Vessel takes the Passage to LONDON, via SUZU CANAL, leaving that port on the 20th AUGUST). Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the time until 4 p.m. in the day before sailing. Silk and Valuables, for Europe, will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay, Tea will be sent either via Bombay or Colombo according to arrangement. For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY'S Office, HOLLAND. The Contracts and Rates of Passage, etc., required to be declared prior to shipment. Shipments are automatically required to the last port and conditions of the Con- tract, which Bills of Lading. Passenger details of insuring their bag- gage can do so on application at the Com- pany's Office. The Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers or Manservants.	NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA; LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.	NOTICE. Patronized by H. E. the GOVERNOR, Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G. TO-NIGHT (MONDAY), 1st August, LAST NIGHT, LAST NIGHT, LAST NIGHT In consequence of the Steamer not leaving before Tuesday. ONE MORE EXTRA PERFORMANCE will be given, on which occasion, by Special Request, the Beautiful Emotional Drama in 5 Acts. EAST LYNN' E', S.S. NAT'L, Commandant BATAVIA, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPEAKE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and ac- cepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.	NOTICE. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.; or the 31st August, 1892. (Parcels or ac- tions to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are re- quired. For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.	NOTICE. G. DE CHAMPEAUX Agent. Hongkong, July 27, 1892. 1292	NOTICE. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.; or the 31st August, 1892. (Parcels or ac- tions to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are re- quired. For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.	NOTICE. G. DE CHAMPEAUX Agent. Hongkong, July 27, 1892. 1292
Occidental & Oriental Steam- ship Company. TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTIONS STEAMER. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. Tuesday, Aug. 31. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Thursday, Sept. 8. Friday, v. Honolulu, Oct. 11.	RATES OF PASSAGE. From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS. To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Town, \$225.00 send, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. \$225.00 To Liverpool and London \$225.00 To Paris and Bremen \$225.00 To Havre and Hamburg \$225.00 Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng- land, France, and Germany by all trans- Atlantic lines of Steamers. RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES, FIRST CLASS.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. Tuesday, Aug. 31. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Thursday, Sept. 8. Friday, v. Honolulu, Oct. 11.	RATES OF PASSAGE. From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS. To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Town, \$225.00 send, Seattle, Tacoma, Port- land, O. \$225.00 To Liverpool and London \$225.00 To Paris and Bremen \$225.00 To Havre and Hamburg \$225.00 Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng- land, France, and Germany by all trans- Atlantic lines of Steamers.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION). Empress of China Saturday August 30. Empress of India Saturday Sept. 10. Empress of Japan Saturday October 8.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. Tuesday, Aug. 31. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Thursday, Sept. 8. Friday, v. Honolulu, Oct. 11.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. Tuesday, Aug. 31. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Thursday, Sept. 8. Friday, v. Honolulu, Oct. 11.		
All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars. Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families. Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Com- pany's and connecting Steamers. Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be marked at the time until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked in full in every way and clearly.	DESTINATION. 30 day Tickets. 30 day Tickets. CONTINENTAL TICKETS.	DESTINATION. 30 day Tickets. 30 day Tickets. CONTINENTAL TICKETS.	We have the pleasure to announce that this COMPANY, formed and regis- tered in HONGKONG, has TAKEN OVER the BUSINESSES hitherto carried on here and elsewhere by Messrs. DAKIN-BROS. OF CHINA, LTD., and Messrs. CRUICK- SHANK & CO., LTD., together with all ASSETS and LIABILITIES.	DISPENSING CHEMISTS, WIGESEALE AND MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS AND DRUGISTS, TERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS, Wines and Spirit Merchants, etc., etc., &c.	POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:— For SHANGHAI. Per Berwick, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd August.	TELEGRAMS. SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL." (Via Southern Line.)		
Passenger Invoices to accompany Cargo designed to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central. J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, July 19, 1892. 1253	WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese). WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each. China Mail Office.	FOR SHANGHAI. Per Berwick, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd August.	THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO, London, 29th July, 1892. The Times states that the Sultan of Morocco has asked Russia to send an accredited Minister to Fez, hoping thereby, with the assistance of France, to render himself independent of all the Great Powers.	MAILED BY THE BRITISH PACKET. The British Contract Packet "Malta" will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 4th August, with Mail for the United Kingdom. Fourteen packets will be sent via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands Indies, Bur- ma, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.	WE have the pleasure to announce that this COMPANY, formed and regis- tered in HONGKONG, has TAKEN OVER the BUSINESSES hitherto carried on here and elsewhere by Messrs. DAKIN-BROS. OF CHINA, LTD., and Messrs. CRUICK- SHANK & CO., LTD., together with all ASSETS and LIABILITIES.	WE are sorry to learn that Mr. G. Travers, formerly German Consul at Hongkong and Canton, is dead. Mr. Travers was esteemed by the members of all nationalities alike, while stationed here, and the news of his death will be learnt with regret by many of his friends in this part of the world. The London Times of 20th June thus refers to the sad event:—		
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CAPTAIN Hellmers, of the German steamer *Feldher*, was fined \$5 at the Magistracy today for anchoring over the telegraph cables.

WHILE some seamen were bathing in the Harbour from the steamship *Bengale* yesterday, one man, H. Farsman, lost his life. He jumped from the yard arm, and turning on his side struck the water with great force. He must have sustained serious injuries, as he sank at once. The body was recovered two hours later. Deceased, who was a Russian, was 20 years of age. To-day Mr. Wodehouse held an enquiry, which stands adjourned till Wednesday, to obtain the doctor's report as to the cause of death.

THE variety entertainment at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening attracted a large audience and the show was one of the best that the "Stanleys" have given here. In the first part of the programme Miss Duriah and Nolan as "corner men" caused great deal of merriment. Duriah was greatly in evidence all through the show and the greater part of the fun of the evening was due to him. With the exception of Miss Denyer's contributions "Alas, those chimes" and "Dear Heart" (both admirably rendered) and her duet with Miss Brooks "Oh that we two were maying," there was nothing very brilliant in the singing, but the items mentioned were so good as to save the entertainment from mediocrity as regards singing. Miss Denyer, whose rich and sympathetic voice seems to be better appreciated on each fresh hearing, was applauded with remarkable enthusiasm. She had a double recall after Lecarre's solo from "Maritana." Miss Brooks' fine and powerful contralto was very effective in the duet and she was fairly entitled to divide the honours with Miss Denyer in this item. Miss Fanny Stanley was as great a favourite as ever in what is generally known as the "sorico-comic" line. The dancing was exceedingly good, even for a Stanley show, which is saying a great deal. Miss Triggs' skirt dance was quite a poem in its way and the dances by Miss Tilly Lake and Miss Stephenson were also excellent. Of course each of the ladies was recalled. To-night the Stanleys close their season, when "East Lynne" will be put on the boards, with Miss Fanny Stanley as the heroine, a part in which she is very successful.

ANOTHER DEPRESSION.
De Borch writes to-day:—At 10.30 a.m. on the 1st the following notice was issued:—"There is depression in the China Seas of Hongkong."

THE TYPHOON AT FORMOSA.
THE TYPHOON EXPERIENCE OF H.M.S.
"FIREBRAND."

H.M.S. *Firebrand* which arrived from Takow to-day brings a brief account of the destruction done by the typhoon at Formosa. The *Firebrand* was lying in the Takow anchorage when a telegram was received from Commodore Falster on the 18th July that a typhoon was travelling from the South in the direction of Formosa. Preparations were made by laying out anchors and clearing the vessel as far as possible, and at noon on the 20th the barometer began to fall. That night the whole of the crew were actively engaged about the ship, and at 3 a.m. on the 21st she was struck by heavy squalls from the south-east accompanied by heavy rain. The force of the wind was from 10 to 12, and the *Firebrand* dragged her anchors. She was eventually brought up close to the shore. As all the junks in the lagoon were blown ashore—one, indeed, being lifted a quarter of a mile inland, the outlook was not at all pleasant for those on board the gunboat, but the danger was faced with all that pluck and hardihood which has ever distinguished British sailors in the face of danger. Between 9 and 10 p.m. the storm was at its height, the barometer having fallen steadily from 29.84 on the 30th to 28.60. At 10.30 the centre of the typhoon passed over the lagoon and after about forty minutes' calm the wind, which had been gradually veering from S.E. to S.S.W., began to blow with tremendous force from N.N.W. and the barometer rose quickly. By noon on the 22nd the typhoon had passed over, but the sea was running so heavily that the commander of the *Firebrand* deemed it prudent to remain at anchor till the 20th when he steamed for Hongkong.

Considerable damage has been done to property on the island. The telegraph wires have all been blown down, and there is scarcely a house in Takow which has not suffered. Only one life was lost there, but at a village six miles south of Takow it is reported that 200 houses have been destroyed and many lives lost. At noon on the 21st a shock of earthquake was felt at Takow.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the officers and crew of the *Firebrand* who on the nights of the 20th and 21st had a most undesirable experience. The precautions taken by Commander Tufnell without doubt saved the ship, and if she had gone ashore there is every probability that all the crew would not have got ashore. The conduct of the commander and his officers, who ably accounted for this difficulty, is spoken of highly, and the officers are just as well pleased with the behaviour of the men.

The typhoon is the most severe that has passed over Formosa within the memory of the present inhabitants.

THE ABERDEEN PAPER MILLS.

A VISIT TO THE WORKS.

In a Colony like Hongkong, which, for over half a century, has been simply an emporium for collecting a share of the products of the vast empire of China and distributing them to the four quarters of the globe and a distributing centre for the products of the West imported into China, it is pleasant to have to record any addition to the limited number of productive agencies of the place. It is difficult to conceive the possibility of Hongkong becoming a manufacturing centre, applying the words in their strictest sense; but British enterprise has shown what can be done under the most unfavourable conditions in other parts of the world, and it is not outside the bounds of possibility that without any failing off in other directions new outlets may be found for capital and our irrepressible energy. In the present instance, however, it is the Chinese who are leading the way. A few years ago a Chinese syndicate was formed with a view to establish a paper manufacturing in our midst. There were some preliminary difficulties, but these have been successfully overcome, and the manufacturer is now an *au fait* concern.

For some years there have been paper mills using modern machinery at Shanghai and Canton, and profiting from the experience of these Directors of the new syndicate, having acquired a suitable site at Aberdeen, communicated with the leading firms at Home for the purpose of obtaining plans of paper mills on European principles with the latest and best appliances for the manufacture of paper. After careful consideration the plan of Messrs Bertram, Limited, Edinburgh,—although their estimates were not by any means the lowest—were accepted, and as the outcome of this wise action of the Directors, a manufacturer has been established larger and better than either of its two rivals in China and equal to many works in England or Scotland. Through the agency of the Messrs Bertram, Mr. David Baillie, who has had over 30 years' experience in paper works in Britain, was secured as superintendent, and along with Mr. Hay, the engineer of the designers, Mr. Baillie arrived in the colony in the middle of June, 1890. Before building operations could be commenced a good deal of levelling had to be done preparing the ground for the buildings. Thirty feet of rock was excavated to a depth of forty feet and a large portion of the foreshore reclaimed, and by this means a total area has been obtained of nearly two acres. This work was begun in June, 1890, and the plant fitted up enabling a start to be made with the actual production of paper on the 14th January, 1892.

The mill is substantially built of brick on a granite foundation, and as it was designed by Messrs Bertram specially for the accommodation of the necessary plant, it all that could be desired for convenience in working. It is a three-storey building. Two bungalows have been erected for the residence of the European employees, and although it would probably have been better to have these buildings at a higher level they are conveniently situated and arranged for the comfort of the occupants. Besides Mr. Baillie, there are three European paper makers; while upwards of 100 Chinese are employed about the mill. For the housing of these Chinese, quarters have also been erected within the compound. To anyone who has never seen the process of manufacturing paper by machinery a visit to the works is full of interest, and fortunate indeed are they who have the company of Mr. Baillie as a guide. Apart altogether from the fact that he has watched the growth of the works from the moment the first stone was laid, his long experience in similar works enables him to explain clearly the whole method by which rags or straw are converted into paper. At the Aberdeen Mills' paper is made from both substances—rags and rice straw.

The process of manufacture begins in the upper floor. Here the rags are chopped up and dried before being precipitated into four boilers, each with a capacity of 35 cwt., where they are boiled with water containing 7 per cent of caustic soda, the heating power being high-pressed steam. The effect of the caustic is to extract the dyes from the rags. From the boilers, which are on the second floor, the rags are conveyed on wheeled bogies to the five washing and bleaching engines, where the cleansing process is completed. Having been rinsed in clean water, 60,000 gallons of which are used to one ton of finished paper, the rags are bleached in a solution of water and chlorides of lime, and are cleaned twice during their stay in these bleaching engines. They are next drained in brick tanks with perforated bottoms and sides, and upon being brought back to the room they are placed in the beaters where they are chopped into fine pieces that they assume a pulpy appearance, and one begins to understand how it is possible to produce paper from the coarsest rags. The process so far occupies about 16 hours.

The straw does not require the same treatment as the rags, and does not take so long to be reduced to pulp. When introducing rice straw, Mr. Baillie had some difficulty in getting it cleaned properly, and he found it necessary to draw upon his own invention to overcome this difficulty. Beneath the single-boiler used for straw he has fitted up an iron tank with perforated false bottom and sides, and into the straw is washed and drained as it assumes a pulpy consistency. It is afterwards put up a presser machine, where it is cleared of all lumpy par-

ticles likely to deteriorate the quality of the paper. When in use this machine is driven by a separate engine of 26-horse power.

Coming from the second to the bottom floor, the visitor is shown on the way two large tanks into which the pulp is run from the heating engines. In these tanks there are two revolving agitators which keep the pulp in constant motion in order to prevent the heavier substance falling to the bottom. From these tanks it is again pumped into a receiving box, and it is from this box that the pulp runs on to the paper-making machine. The outflow is regulated according to the weight of the paper to be made. So thin is the substance as it passes through the sand traps and over the strainers, it is difficult to believe it possible to issue more 150 feet away in a minute or two in the shape of a very fine thin paper. Travelling on a wire gauge that revolves at the rate of 150 feet to the minute the pulp is still further strained—partly by the water dropping through the gauges and partly by the water being extracted by vacuum pumps. It now reaches the couch rollers and goes to the first and second press rollers, a blanket to the drying cylinders. There are twenty cylinders, each four feet in diameter, filled with steam, and the cylinders are so arranged and protected as to equalise the drying process all over the machine. At the farther end of the machine is a set of chilled-metal rollers. It is these rollers which give the finish and smooth surface to the paper, and should the business of the company develop in the way of supplying English firms, intermediate rollers can be utilised to enable the makers to produce the finest qualities of English paper. Indeed, the whole of the plant may be turned to the manufacture of the finest paper. The paper as it comes off the machine is rolled into webs, and is finally cut into various sizes by a separate machine. There are several guillotines for cutting the paper into small sizes required by customers.

The Chief Justice—Prisoner Mason, you were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and ordered to find two sureties of \$2,000 each for your good behaviour, on October 29th last. Have you found these sureties or are you prepared to find them?—Mason—No.

The Chief Justice—Then I order you to be deported to England and to pay the expenses of your deportation.

This concluded the proceedings and Mason was shortly afterwards taken back to the cells.

We understand that arrangements are being made to have Mason sent home in some steamer, which sails on the 29th instant, and one of the Consulars will probably accompany him as far as Hongkong.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE (Final).—1st, Johnstone; 2nd, Stewart; 3rd, Perry. Time, 12s. 26s.

6-POUNDER GUN COMPETITION, 2 entries; decided by time, &c.; gun brought into action, one round fired; gun dismounted, retired with gear, gear brought back, gun remounted and one round fired.—Starboard Gun Crew beat Port Gun Crew.

WALKING GRIMSEY POLE: 12 started; Grover, Lewis, Andrew, Bell, Belmont, Stewart, McCormick, Grimeshaw, Easton, Kingcombe, and Measey Smith and Miller, the latter in costume. Won by Grover.

CONSOLIDATION RACE; 6 started.—Won by Grimeshaw.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Nine competitors entered for the long range cup at 800 and 900 yards on Saturday evening. Fine weather prevailed, and a rather strange light puzzle was provided. Mr. Ford's store of 70, 25, 66, 10, 68, 25, 66, 10, 68, 25, 19, 44, 0, 44, 25, 19, 26, 16, 44.

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